

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/996,519
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-5 are currently pending. Claims 1, 4 and 5, which are independent are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification and Drawings, specifically on pages 5-6 and Figure 1. Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2006/0015906 to Boyer et al. (hereinafter, merely "Boyer").

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

"An information processing apparatus comprising:

first acquisition means for acquiring first information;

first registration means for registering first subsidiary information required for acquiring said first information;

second acquisition means for acquiring second information;

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second registration means for registering second subsidiary information required for acquiring said second information,

wherein the first acquisition means and the second acquisition means acquire information via distinct terminals relating to the information content; and

verifying means for verifying whether said first subsidiary information or said second subsidiary information has already been registered;

wherein said first registration means or said second registration means using, if one of said first subsidiary information and said second subsidiary information is already registered, said one subsidiary information already registered for registration of the other subsidiary information." (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicants, Boyer relates to an Internet television program guide system where a user at a multimedia system can access information related to television programs over an Internet communications link. The user can view television program guide listings and related video stills and video clips. The user can select an option that directs the multimedia system to tune directly to a television channel or to a related television program guide.

Applicants respectfully submit that Boyer fails to teach or suggest the features of claim 1. Specifically, Applicants submit that there is no teaching or suggestion of an information processing apparatus wherein the first acquisition means and the second acquisition means acquire information via distinct terminals relating to the information content, recited in claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 4 and 5 are also believed to be patentable.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 4 and 5 are patentable.

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III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of the statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portion or portions of the reference, providing the basis for a contrary view.

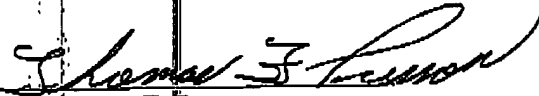
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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